(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration for mining of coal in collaboration with China, if so, what are the details of such understanding;

(b) whether the joint venture production will be marketed exclusively to China or Government will have a free hand to market the coal; and

(c) what are the details of coal mines marked for joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Presently there is no specific proposal under Government's consideration for mining of coal in collaboration with China. An Indian Coal Delegation visited China in November, '92 to study the Chinese coal mining industry. In view of the fact that China being the largest coal producer in the world with reported production of about 1140 million tonnes during the year 1992-93, most of which came from the underground mines, there is scope for mutual collaboration with China in the coal sector.

Exploring of coal mines in Bihar and Gujarat

*13. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI':

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted research/survey to explore the possibility of coal mines in Bihar and Gujarat, particularly in Saurashtra and Surendranagar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India (GSI), who are mainly responsible for carrying out the regional exploration to locate the coal reserves available in the various parts of the country, have established a total reserves of 64371.75 million tonnes in the State of Bihar till 1-1-1993 out of which 28993.19 million tonnes are in proved category. Large scale coal mining is already being carried out in this State.

Total coal reserves found uptil now in Saurashtra region of the State of Gujarat has been estimated around 3 million tonnes. These deposits occur in very thing seams exploitation of which is not economically viable. In addition, occurrence of deposits of coal at considerable depths in Mehsana-Kalol areas of Gujarat has been reported during the course of exploration for oil by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC). Mining of these deposits is not considered technically feasible.

UN Conference on Chil Libour

*14: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it was brought to the notice of the UN Human Rights Commission at their recent Vienna Conference, that more than 80 million children in the Indian subcontinent continue to languish in boncage, working for 14-16 hours a day in inhuman conditions and a demand was made to stop all UN aid to these countries where such practice exists;

(b) if so, what was the number of children indicated to be in bondage in India according to this report: and

(c) what was the Indian delegation's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) As intimated by Ministry of External Affairs the Vienna Declaration does not contain any refe-

rence to violation of right of the Children in the Indian subcontinent. There was also no reference to situation of Children in India in the recommendation of the NGC forum.

(b) and (e) Does not arise.

Import of coal by State Governments

*15. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have decided to import coal to meet their requirements; and

(b) if so, what are those State Governments and the details of their demand for coal in the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have obtained approval of Finance Ministry to import 2 million tonnes and 1 million tonnes of coal respectively for their Power Stations at reduced rates of import duty. The requirements of coal as assessed by Central Electricity Authority for the power stations of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka for tre year 1993-94 are as follows:

(In '000 tonnes)

Name of the Power Stations	Requirements
TAMIL NADU	
Ennore	2330
Mettur	3830
Tuticocin	3730
North Madras	80
	9970
KARNATAKA	
Raichar	33010

In view of the significant improvement in production and despatch of indivenous coal in the country, the coal companies are confident of meeting the full coal requirements of power stations in the country including power stations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Child labour in the country

*16. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) the number of children, State wise, who have been driven by circumstances to work as labourers in industries, some of which are listed as hazardous;

(b) how many of these were in the carpet and slate pencil industries, State-wise, as on 30.6.1993;

(c) what major offensives are being launched by the Central and State Governments and various other non-Governmental organisations for the release and rehabilitation of these unfortunate children;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the views of the employers who employ children in large numbers in industries for formulating an all acceptable strategy to eliminate the child labour;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have so far been taken in this regard; and

(f) what are the details of expenditure incurred out of Rs. 14 crores committed by are International Project for elimination of child labour, Child Labour Actio Support Programme and UNICEF funds, State-wise, during each of the last three years for tackling this social evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to)f) Authentic data regarding number of working children is